

# ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

Autumn Wiechmann

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## WELCOME!

*"A man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law."* --Romans 3:28

THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION: To "reform" means to change and improve. In the 1500's the Lord used Professor of Theology, Dr. Martin Luther, of the University of Wittenberg, Germany, to restore to the church the Gospel message of forgiveness of sins through Christ alone. On October 31, 1517, Dr. Luther nailed 95 Statements, or Theses, onto the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. The doors were the common bulletin board. He was inviting theologians to debate him on the value of buying "indulgences" from the church. The papacy in Rome said indulgences would grant release from the penalties of sin. Luther had learned from Scripture that man is not saved by human efforts, connections, or money; but by faith in Christ alone, who was punished on the cross for us and rose in victory also for us. *Romans 3:28 "A man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law."* We remember the date each year.

**Hymn 258** Lord of Our Life!

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS:** Romans 7:18-19, 24-25

P: I know that in me, that is, in my flesh,

**C: Nothing good dwells.**

P: For to will is present with me,

**C: But how to perform what is good I do not find.**

P: For the good that I will-to-do,

**C: I do not do;**

P: But the evil I will-not-to-do,

**C: That I practice.**

P: O, wretched man that I am!

**C: Who will deliver me from this body of death?**

P: I thank God—

**C: Through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

P: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)

**Hymn 387 vv. 1-5** Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice!

**READING: Acts 5:22-33** The Apostles, through the Holy Spirit, boldly preached and healed in Jerusalem in the name of Jesus. The leaders were indignant. The Apostles were put into prison. However, an angel released them. When called in, the apostles stood firm, obeying God rather than men. The enemies made plans to kill them. --- Satan's forces are never at peace with the Gospel !

**THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION, selections** (see next page)

**Hymn 264** Preserve Thy Word, O Savior !

**SERMON: I KINGS 20:26-30 FEAR NOT , LITTLE FLOCK !**

*So it was, in the spring of the year, that Ben-Hadad mustered the Syrians and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel. And the children of Israel were mustered and given provisions, and they went against them. Now the children of Israel encamped before them like two little flocks of goats, while the Syrians filled the countryside.*

*Then a man of God came and spoke to the king of Israel and said, thus says the LORD: "Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but He is not God of the valleys; therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD."*

*And they encamped opposite each other for seven days. So it was that on the seventh day the battle was joined; and the children of Israel killed 100,000 foot soldiers of the Syrians in one day. But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; then a wall fell on 27,000 of the men who were left. And Ben-Hadad fled and went into the city, into an inner chamber.*

**Hymn 262** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God !

Offering:

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Benediction

**Hymn 283** God's Word Is Our Great Heritage !

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**NO JOINT AREA REFORMATION SERVICE TODAY:** The Joint Service, originally scheduled for today at Jamestown has been canceled due to vacancy schedules. .

**THANK YOU:** For the Pastor's Appreciation observance at last Sunday's meal ! Thank you to the children for their personal messages and art work! It remains a privilege to serve as a shepherd (pastor) of souls for the Savior. May He bless our labors together!

**STANDARD TIME RETURNS:** Turn clocks back one hour Saturday night 11/2.

## IN OUR PRAYERS:

PASTOR HEIN, FRIDLEY, MN—at the two year mark of dealing with cancer.  
PASTOR DAUB, HECLA, SD—has returned home. We thank the Lord for His blessings and ask for strength and good health going forward! In Jesus Name.

## NEXT SUNDAY MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY

10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B. Class & Sun. Sch.  
1:00 Potluck Fellowship Meal  
2:00 Presentation by Missionary Peter Evensen via video-streaming.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** 3+10 Kerry C.; 17+24 Dean & Kathy L. Thank you!

**CALL NEWS** *Pastor Matthew Hanel*, Dallas, TX has returned the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.

**RETIREMENT:** *Teacher Collette Krause*, Trinity, Watertown, SD, has announced her retirement effective the end of the current school year.

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## THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

*The Augsburg Confession, 1530, was written during Luther's lifetime. It was presented by the Lutheran princes of Germany—laymen, not clergymen—to Emperor Charles V at the city of Augsburg, Germany. Charles V ruled Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, the Netherlands, and Spain. This confession of faith was presented in response to his invitation to bring their disagreements with the Roman Catholic Church. Charles, a Catholic, was seeking to end the religious strife in his realm. Martin Luther did not attend the meeting; the emperor had already declared him "wanted" in 1521. Philip Melancthon, a trusted colleague of Luther, used Luther's writing to drafted the Augsburg Confession. The emperor was unable to force the princes to abandon their Confession. Today the Augsburg Confession remains one of the staunch confessions of conservative Lutheran Christians.*

*The following are excerpts of Articles 1-6 (of which there are 28):.*

## THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION, ARTICLES 1-6

Our churches with common consent teach:

1

P: There is one Divine Essence which is called and which is God—

**C: Eternal, without body, without parts, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness, the maker and Preserver of all things , visible and invisible.**

P: And yet there are three Persons, of the same essence and power, who also are coeternal—

**C: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

P: The term "person" signifies, not a part or quality in God,

**C: But, as the church fathers used it, that which "subsists of itself."**

2

P: Since the fall of Adam, all people are born with sin,

**C: That is, without the fear of God, without trust in God, and with evil desire.**

P: This inborn, original malady is truly sin

**C: And brings eternal death upon those not born again through Baptism and the Holy Spirit.**

3

P: The Son of God took on man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary,

**C: So that in Him, two natures, the divine and the human, are inseparably joined in one Person, one Christ, true God and true Man.**

P: He truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, that He might reconcile the Father unto us,

**C: And be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of humanity.**

P: He also descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day;

**C: Afterward He ascended into heaven that He might sit on the right hand of the Father, and forever reign and have dominion over all creatures,**

P: And sanctify those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts,

**C: To rule, to comfort, and to defend them against the devil and the power of sin.**

P: The same Christ shall openly come again

**C: To judge the living and the dead.**

4

P: We also believe and confess that men [*mankind*] cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works;

**C: But are freely justified for Christ's sake through faith,**

P: When they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, who, by His death, has made satisfaction for our sins.

**C: This faith God accounts as righteousness in His sight.**

5

P: So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted.

**C: For through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given,**

P: Who works faith where and when it pleases God, in all who hear the Gospel.

**C: And the Gospel is this, that God, not because of our own merits, but for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake.**

6

P: We also teach that this faith is bound to bring forth good fruits,

**C: And that it is necessary to do good works commanded by God because it is God's will.**

P: Yet we should not rely on those works to merit justification before God,

**C: For the forgiveness of sins and justification are ours by faith in Christ.**